

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 975 – HB 1089

January 28, 2014

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Requires all legislative proposals or requests for state funding, for higher education capital projects, maintenance, new academic programs, public service, research activities and engagement opportunities, or operational support that come before the General Assembly, to first be considered through the established review processes and procedures for such requests. States that if the established review processes and procedures are not possible, then such proposals and requests shall be made with the knowledge and approval of the Chancellor of the Board of Regents (TBR) or the President of the University of Tennessee (UT). Prohibits employees of a TBR or UT institution, campus, or unit, from executing policies or proposals which require public funding without the knowledge and approval of the Chancellor or President of the respective system. Authorizes TBR and UT Board of Trustees to take action as is deemed reasonable by the respective bodies to enforce the provisions of this bill.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (011101, 011725):** Amendment 011101 adds language declaring that for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of Section One, subsections (a) and (b), it is the intent of the legislature that the provisions shall be made a formal part of the policies and procedures of TBR and UT. Deletes the language “and approved by” in Section One, subsections (b) and (c) of the bill as it relates to the approval of the Chancellor of TBR or the President of UT before policies or proposals requiring public funding are approved outside of the normal review process or advanced by employees. Original language in Section One, subsection (b) requiring the Chancellor of TBR or President of UT to have knowledge of policies or proposals requiring public funding in such situations is retained. Amendment 011725 deletes the language “policies and procedures requiring public funding” in Section One, subsection (c) of the bill. Prohibits employees of TBR or UT from making state legislative funding requests without the prior knowledge of the Chancellor of TBR or the President of UT.

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## **FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Legislative proposals or requests for state funding will be reviewed and acted upon in the normal course of business through the appropriate processes or procedures.
- Any increase in state expenditures is estimated to be not significant.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lucian D. Geise', is positioned above the printed name.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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